

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Senior Planner with Oldman River Regional Services Commission Gavin Scott, Interim Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger, Community Peace Officer Robyn Potter, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/153

Moved that the agenda for April 14, 2026, be amended to include:

Operations:

c) Approach Request – Heritage Acres

Finance:

a) Bylaw 1371-26 2026 Tax Bylaw
b) 2025 Consolidated Financial Statement

Correspondence:

Action:

d) Tourism is Coming to Town Webinar (for Municipal Elected Officials)

Information:

f) AUC Announcement

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 1369-26

Reeve Rick Lemire opened the meeting at 3:00 pm. CAO Roland Milligan reviewed the general rules of conduct surrounding Public Hearings.

Advertising Requirement

CAO Roland Milligan stated that this Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act. This Public Hearing was advertised in Shootin' the Breeze on April 1 and April 8, 2026, as well as the MD website and MD Social Media pages.

Purpose of the Hearing

Reeve Rick Lemire provided an overview of the purpose of the proposed changes. The purpose of Bylaw No. 1369-26 is to define dugouts and reservoirs within the agriculturally oriented districts in the Land Use Bylaw.

Reeve Rick Lemire asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak; there were none. Reeve Rick Lemire asked if there were any written responses; there were none.

Reeve Rick Lemire closed the public hearing, the time being 3:04 pm.

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Gavin Scott left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:05 pm.

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/154

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of March 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/155

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Blackfoot MOU Pancake Breakfast July 18, 2026

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/156

Moved that a donation of \$300 be authorized towards the Blackfoot MOU Pancake Breakfast on July 18, 2026,

AND THAT Councillor Dave Cox be authorized to attend.

Carried

b) Chief Mountain Gas Coop – Delegation Presentation March 24, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/157

Moved that the presentation from Chief Mountain Gas Coop on March 24, 2026, be received as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1

- Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
- Waterton Biosphere Association
 - Highway 6 turnout concerns
 - Issues with overnight camping, need more frequent refuse pickup
- Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library
- Chinook Arch Regional Library System
- Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization
- Meeting with Minister Hunter

2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2

- Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
- Meeting with Minister Hunter
- District Commander with RCMP
- Mayors and Reeves

3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3

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- Pincher Creek Foundation
- Alberta SouthWest
- Pincher Creek Community Hall AGM
- 4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
- 5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Pincher Creek Housing Meeting
 - Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization
 - Meeting with Minister Hunter

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/158

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/159

Moved that a letter be sent to Alberta Transportation regarding the Pine Ridge Litter Turnout, North of Waterton Park along Highway 6 (Hawks Nest Lookout) and the MD's concerns, requesting additional signage stating that overnight parking is prohibited, and also the need for more frequent refuse pickup at this location.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/160

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period March 16, 2026, to April 5, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/161

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for March 19, 2026, to April 8, 2026, as information.

Carried

c) Request for Approach – Heritage Acres

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/162

Moved that Public Works work with Heritage Acres on the installation of an approach,
 AND THAT any related fees from the MD are waived.

Carried

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2. Finance

a) 2025 Financial Statement

Councillor John MacGarva 26/163

Moved that Council accept the 2025 Consolidated Financial Statement be approved as presented.

Carried

b) Bylaw 1371-26 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw

Councillor Dave Cox 26/164

Moved that Bylaw 1371-26, being the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given first reading.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/165

Moved that Bylaw 1371-26, being the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor John MacGarva 26/166

Moved that Bylaw 1371-26, being the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, be presented for third reading.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/167

Moved that Bylaw 1371-26, being the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given third and final reading.

Carried

3. Development and Community Services

a) Enforcement Services – First Quarter Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/168

Moved that the Enforcement Services first quarter report, be received as information.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/169

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period March 23, 2026, to April 10, 2026, as information.

Carried

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b) Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/170

Moved that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement, as presented,

AND THAT Council accept the changes to the amended Library Board Bylaw.

Carried

c) Council Remuneration – Misc. Meetings

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/171

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend, and be compensated for the April 7, 2026, Meeting with Minister Hunter,

AND THAT Reeve Rick Lemire, and Councillor Jim Welsch, be authorized to attend, and be compensated for, the April 13, 2026, meeting with the RCMP Southern Alberta District Officer.

Carried

d) Corporate Policy C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges

Councillor Dave Cox 26/172

Moved that Council approve amended Policy C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges.

Carried

e) Nomination of the Deputy Director of Emergency Management

Councillor John MacGarva 26/173

Moved that, upon the recommendation of the Emergency Advisory Committee, Council hereby appoints, as a designated officer, Michelle Stuart as Deputy Regional Director of Emergency Management under the Emergency Management Bylaw.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) South Canadian Rockies

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/174

Moved that all Councillors be authorized to attend the Resident Tourism Partnership Forum on April 20, 2026.

Carried

b) Boundary Creek Landowners Association

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/175

Moved that Councillor Tony Bruder be authorized to attend the Boundary Creek Landowners Association Open House on May 2, 2026.

Carried

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c) Pincher Creek Foundation - Expression of Interest – Acquisition of Fleet Vehicle

Councillor Dave Cox 26/176

Moved to receive the Pincher Creek Foundation - Expression of Interest – Acquisition of Fleet Vehicle, as information.

Carried

d) Tourism is Coming to Town (for Municipal Elected Officials)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/177

Moved that interested Councillors be authorized to attend the Tourism is Coming to Town (for Municipal Elected Officials),

AND THAT interested Councillors register themselves for the webinar.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/178

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - Changes to Bill 28
 - Changes to Assessment Model Review (AMR)
- b) Highway 3 Resident & Landowner Coalition
 - Petition Package
- c) Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Publication of Proposed Multi-species Action Plan for the Alberta At-risk Native Trout in Canada on the Species at Risk Public Registry
- d) Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Centre
 - Announcement of KPSquared
- e) Cavvy Energy
 - WAG Report April 2026
- f) Alberta Utility Commission (AUC)
 - Proposed Standardized Setbacks for Renewable Infrastructure

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor John MacGarva 26/179

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:57 pm.

- a) Application for ASB Board Member – ATIA Sec. 22.1
- b) DRAS Public Notices - Water Act – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Road Closure Purchase Request NW 15-9-1 W5M & SW 22-9-1 W5M – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor Dave Cox 26/180

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:20 pm.

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a) Application for ASB Board Member

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/181

Moved that Todd Vance be appointed to the Agricultural Service Board, effective immediately.

Carried

b) DRAS Public Notices - Water Act

Councillor Dave Cox 26/182

Moved that the DRAS Public Notices - Water Act be received as information.

Carried

c) Road Closure Purchase Request NW 15-9-1 W5M & SW 22-9-1 W5M

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/183

Moved that Council approve the applicant's request to close and purchase the undeveloped portions of Road Plan 5502EZ and 8748Q, within NW 15-9-1 W5M & SW 22-9-1 W5M, with the applicant being responsible for all costs associated.

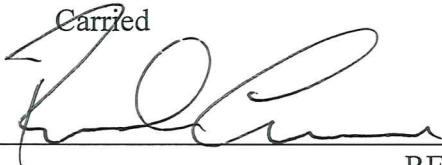
Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT


Councillor Tony Bruder 26/184

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:22 pm.

Carried



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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER